

What is claimed is:

1. A character information collating apparatus,  
comprising:

an inputting section to input image data and a  
character information data as a data set;

an information memorizing section to memorize a  
plurality of data sets, wherein the plurality of data sets  
include a plurality of different character information data;  
and

a retrieving section to retrieve the plurality of data  
sets memorized in the information memorizing section;

wherein when the inputting section inputs a new data  
set including new image data and a new character information  
data and the retrieving section judges that the plurality of  
data sets include the same character information data as the  
new character information data, the new data set is  
correlated with the data set including the same character  
information data memorized in the information memorizing  
section.

2. The character information collating apparatus of claim  
1, wherein the information memorizing section memorizes image

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data and character data as the data set and the retrieving section retrieves the image data and the character data in the plurality of data sets.

3. The character information collating apparatus of claim 1, wherein the image data contain a character image data and the character information data are obtained from the character image data by a technique of character recognition.

4. The character information collating apparatus of claim 1, wherein the retrieving section comprises

a character information retrieving section to retrieve the inputted new character information data from the plurality of character information data;

a comparing section to compare the inputted new character information data with a character information data obtained from the plurality of character information data; and

a determining section to determine the character information based on a comparison result by the comparing section.

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character information data memorized in the information memorizing section.

8. The character information collating apparatus of claim 1, wherein the data set includes a date data at which the image data of the data set is inputted and the plurality of data sets include a plurality of different date data, and

wherein when the retrieving section judges that the new data has date data right before or right after the date data of the data set including the same character information data, the new data set is correlated with the data set including the same character information data memorized in the information memorizing section.

9. A character information collating correcting apparatus, comprising:

an inputting section to input image data and a character information data as a data set;

an information memorizing section to memorize a specific character information data;

a comparing section to compare the character information data with the specific character information data; and

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an operating section to operate the data set;

wherein when the comparing section judges that the character information data coincides with the specific character information data, the operation section holds the character information data coinciding with the specific character information data until being corrected by the operating section.

10. The character information collating correcting apparatus of claim 9, wherein the image data contains a character image data and the character information data are obtained from the character image data by a technique of character recognition.

11. The character information collating correcting apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:

a character information retrieving section to retrieve the inputted new character information data from the plurality of character information data;

a comparing section to compare the inputted new character information data with a character information data obtained from the plurality of character information data;  
and

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a determining section to determine the character information based on a comparison result by the comparing section.

12. The character information collating correcting apparatus of claim 11, wherein when the comparing section judges that the character information data coincides with the specific character information data, the operation section holds the character information data coinciding with the specific character information data until being corrected by the operating section without conducting the retrieving.

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